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NAIROBI FOR CODEL DIGGS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, ECIN, SG, MR, ML, CH

SUBJ: PRC DECLINES TO BUILD MANATALI DAM

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH CODEL DIGGS JUNE 22 PRESIDENT
SENGHOR SAID HE HAD LEARNED IN NOUAKCHOTT EARLIER THAT DAY
THAT PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA WOULD NOT PICK UP OPTION
BUILDING MANANTALI DAM. SENGHOR SAID PROBLEM OF COMPETITION
IN AFRICA BETWEEN PRC AND USSR MAY HAVE ENTERED INTO PICTURE.
MALIANS HAD TAKEN LEAD IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC, AND PRC NOW
FEARED MALI WAS TILTING TOWARD SOVIETS IN RELATIONS
BETWEEN TWO MAJOR COMMUNIST POWERS.

2. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS UPON HIS RETURN TO DAKAR
FROM NOUAKCHOTT, PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTED ONLY THAT
CONSULTATIONS WERE UNDER WAY TO FIND OUT WHETHER CHINESE
WOULD CONSTRUCT MANATALI DAM OR NOT. HE ALSO TOLD PRESS
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THAT SENEGAL AND MAURITANIA HAD LEFT BEHIND THEM THEIR

TEMPORARY MISUNDERSTANDING. DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER,
PRESIDENT ADDED, A MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET AND HE
WILL ALSO PRESIDE OVER MEETING BETWEEN MINISTERS AM IN-
VESTORS IN CONNECTION WITH OMVS.

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